

CLAIMS:

1. An illuminating device comprising light means for generating light and a light-emitter comprising an after-glowing material for emitting light after the light means is switched off or has extinguished, characterized in that the light-emitter comprises a predetermined pattern for displaying information.
- 5 2. An illuminating device as claimed in claim 1 or 2, characterized in that the intensity I_{lm} of the light emitted by the light means as compared to the intensity I_{le} of the light emitted by the light-emitter is such that $I_{le}/I_{lm} < 0.5$.
- 10 3. An illuminating device as claimed in claim 2, characterized in that $I_{le}/I_{lm} < 0.1$.
4. An illuminating device as claimed in claim 1 or 2, characterized in that the initial light output following the switching off or the extinguishing of the light means is lower than 3 cd/m^2 .
- 15 5. An illuminating device as claimed in claim 4, characterized in that the initial light output is equal to or lower than 1 cd/m^2 .
6. An illuminating device as claimed in claim 1 or 2, characterized in that the
20 pattern comprises an alphanumerical character, a logo and/or an arrow.
7. An illuminating device as claimed in claim 1 or 2, characterized in that the after-glowing material comprises a photo-luminescent or phosphorescent material.
- 25 8. Electric lamp comprising a lamp vessel provided with a light-emitter according to claim 1 and 2.
9. Luminaire comprising a housing having a light emission window, the housing or the light-emission window being provided with a light-emitter according to claim 1 and 2.

10. Automotive head lamp comprising a housing having a light emission window, the housing or the light-emission window being provided with a light-emitter according to claim 1 and 2.

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11. Display device comprising a display window provided with a light-emitter according to claim 1 and 2.